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ON CELL-BY-CELL BASIS, AND  
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith for the patent application identified above entitled OPTICAL METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RED BLOOD CELL DIFFERENTIATION ON CELL-BY-CELL BASIS, AND SIMULTANEOUS ANALYSIS OF WHITE BLOOD CELL DIFFERENTIATION are the following:


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Dear Sir:

Upon review of the final printed copies of the above-identified patent and comparison with the application file, Applicants have identified errors in the patent as printed. Accordingly, Applicants request that a Certificate of Correction be issued pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 254 for this patent as set forth on the attached Form PTO 1050, identifying errors by column and line from the patent. Since the errors appear to be due to the fault of the Patent and Trademark Office, Applicants believe no fee is due.

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Col. 15, line 33

replace "a red blood cell isolated from said sample"  
with --red blood cells of said sample in single file--.

Col. 16, line 29

replace "a red blood cell isolated form said sample through a light"  
with --red blood cells of said sample in single file through a light a light--.

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## SPE RESPONSE FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

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TO SPE OF : ART UNIT **2877**

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## Comments:

The claims present by the CoC are different from the claims issue in that the scope of the claims would be shifted. There is nothing in the record that indicates that the claims in the pre-amend were ever examined. The applicant should file a Reissue application.

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